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OPERATING INTO NORTHWEST ONTARIO

REFS: (A) STATE 13466; (B) OTTAWA 1528; (C) RIMAS/CLAPPIN
TELECON 4/21/78.

1. TO CHECK ON STATUS OF CANADIAN CONSIDERATION OF OUR
NOTE (REFS. A AND B), WE SPOKE WITH OFFICER IN DEPARTMENT
OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HANDLING AVIATION (MR. GOMBAY) APRIL 21
AND 25.
 2. ON THE 21ST, GOMBAY TOLD US HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (ATC)
HAD FORMALLY CONSIDERED THE ISSUE YET. FOLLOWING UP, ON
THE 25TH HE SAID HE HAD FOUND OUT THAT ATC IS TO REVIEW
THE ISSUE AT A MEETING DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24. HE
CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT ANY EARLY
DECISION WOULD BE MADE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT
THERE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE AN INQUIRY AND/OR HEARING
UNDERTAKEN BY ATC INTO THE QUESTION AND COMPLEX DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE PROVINCES BEFORE ANY DECISION WAS LIKELY. HE SAID
THIS WAS ONLY AN INTERIM REPORT AND UNDERTOOK TO INFORM US
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AT THE END OF THE WEEK OF THE RESULTS OF ATC'S MEETING.

3. WE POINTED OUT TO GOMBAY IT IS UNLIKELY THE USG OR THE
US AIR TAXI OPERATORS WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO
ACCEPT THE STATUS QUO, WHICH IS UNFAIRLY DISCRIMINATORY, FOR
ANY EXTENDED PERIOD. WE NOTED THIS PROBLEM IS AN OLD ONE
ON WHICH THE US HAS BEEN WAITING FOR CANADIAN ACTION FOR

SOME YEARS. WE STRESSED, AS WE DID IN OUR NOTE OF JANUARY 18, THAT UNLESS SOME ACTION IS TAKEN SOON BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE THE EXISTING DISCRIMINATION, THE US WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER ACTIONS IT MAY TAKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE NONSCHEDULED AGREEMENT TO RESTORE EQUALITY BETWEEN THE US AND CANADIAN AIR TAXI OPERATORS.

4. COMMENT: THE PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED BY OUR AIR TAXI OPERATORS WHO FLY INTO NORTHERN ONTARIO IS RELATED TO THE BROADER QUESTION IN CANADA OF THE SHARING OF CONTROL OVER TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND MANY OTHER ISSUES BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS. PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC'S RECENT ATTEMPTS TO EXTEND PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY INTO MANY AREAS PREVIOUSLY RESERVED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE ISSUE OF QUEBEC SEPARATISM, AND FEDERAL ATTEMPTS TO PROTECT ITS AUTHORITY VIS-A-VIS QUEBEC AND THE OTHER PROVINCES, THE QUESTION OF FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL RIGHTS IS A VERY ACTIVE AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUE AT THIS TIME. FOR THESE REASONS, AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT A FEDERAL ELECTION IS EXPECTED TO BE CALLED AT ANY MOMENT, WE SHARE GOMBAY'S VIEW THAT QUICK ACTION ON THE NORTHWEST ONTARIO AIR TAXI FLIGHTS IS UNLIKELY.

5. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO AWAIT GOMBAY'S REPORT OF ATC CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE EXPECTED AT THE END OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEEK BEFORE REASSESSING THE PROBLEM AND CONSIDERING FURTHER ACTION. ENDERS

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